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Junior, Biology

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WEATHER



**TODAY**  
Partly cloudy  
High: 40, Low: 25



**TOMORROW**  
Mostly cloudy  
High: 45, Low: 30



ENOCH WU | THE BG NEWS

## Holiday rain leaves standing water on campus, with an icy future possible

**A HARD RAIN'S GONNA FALL:** Jerome Library is reflected in a puddle of standing water from yesterday's rain showers. The puddles may freeze in the early hours of the morning. Temperatures are expected to drop below freezing every night this week, with more precipitation predicted next week in the form of snowfall.

## USG discusses possible ethnic center

Student government may pledge support for space in the Union

By Kristen Vasas  
Reporter



**Leo Almeida**  
Undergraduate Student Govt. Minority Affairs Senator

Members of the Undergraduate Student Government discussed whether to support an ethnic student center on campus at their general assembly meeting last night.

Minority Affairs Senator Leo Almeida presented the resolution and stressed the need for an educational and welcoming ethnic center on campus.

"The student ethnic center

will spend time on individuals and will bring cohesiveness to multicultural organizations," he said. "It can also be used as a resource for any student needing to understand ethnic culture or tradition."

Almeida became involved with the Ethnic Student Center core committee after attending a number of their meetings. He decided that a USG resolution supporting the center passed would help validate the idea.

One of the main points discussed by the student government was the location of the center, which would be placed in the multicultural lounge of the

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## Robbery at local teen center calls for more security

By Ryan Sullivan  
Reporter

Local teens were supposed to be surprised when they walked in and saw a 40-inch HDTV waiting for them at the Bowling Green Teen Center.

Instead, center employees were the ones who got the shock when they arrived at the center located in the Veteran's Memorial Building at City Park. The television was missing.

Two computers, three PlayStations, movies, most of the center's video games and some chairs were also reportedly missing before workers arrived at around 1 p.m.

The center, which opened in September, is a place for students in seventh and eighth grade to go after school and was created as a result of community concerns about youth suicide, said Niki Messmore, center director and University graduate student.

Linda Dobb, University executive vice president, said the teen center is a cooperative venture between the University, the city's parks and recreation department and the United Way.

The teen center is staffed by University students and is a place where teens can study, get homework help or just go to hang out, Dobb said.

"[The robbery] is a big disappointment, but it gives us a chance to step back and make sure things are secure and safe," Dobb said.

Bowling Green police are investigating the robbery and declined comment on the incident at press time.

Though the missing items can be replaced, teen center officials will be working to secure items before trying to replace them, Dobb said.

She said the computers used at the teen center were donated by the University.

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Linda Dobb | University executive vice president

Dobb said even though the items were stolen, there are still things to be gained from the theft. She said they might start putting locks on the computers and keeping the movies in locked cabinets to try and prevent theft in the future.

Messmore said there will be a fundraiser at McDonald's at 1470 E. Wooster St. from 4 to 7 p.m. today with a portion of proceeds going to the center.

Mary Byers, administrative assistant and marketing supervisor for McDonald's, said when groups come in, they will usually greet people when they come in the door and clean tables.

"The percent of donations depends on the sales," Byers said. "The [donation amount] varies depending on how much the group promotes the event and the size of the group."

The teen center is also accepting donations to the center from anybody in the community who wants to get involved.

The group hopes for donations that might keep teens entertained during the colder months when outdoor programs aren't possible, including movies and video games, Dobb said.

People who wish to donate can get in touch with the group by either calling the Office of Service Learning at 419-372-965 or the Teen Center at 419-280-0831.

## Bush signs deal for troops in Iraq

By Ben Feller  
The Associated Press



PETR DAVID JOSEK | AP PHOTO

**NOT THE END:** A U.S. soldier from the 3rd Brigade combat team of 101st Airborne Division searches a house during a patrol mission in the town of Yousifiyah in Iraq.

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a deal setting the foundation for a potential long-term U.S. troop presence in Iraq yesterday, with details to be negotiated over matters that have defined the war debate at home — how many U.S. forces will stay in the country, and for how long.

The agreement between Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki confirms that the United States and Iraq will hash out an "enduring" relationship in military, economic and political terms. Details of that relationship will be negotiated in 2008, with a completion goal of July, when the U.S. intends to finish withdrawing the five combat brigades sent in 2007 as part of the troop buildup that has helped curb sectarian violence.

"What U.S. troops are doing, how many troops are required to do that, are bases required, which partners will join them — all these things are on the negotiating table," said Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute, President Bush's adviser on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The proposal underlines how the United States and Iraq are exploring what their relationship might look like once the

U.S. significantly draws down its troop presence. It comes as a Democratic Congress — unsuccessfully, so far — prods Bush to withdraw troops faster than

he wants.

Bush and al-Maliki signed the

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## Black Friday: a nightmare for store employees, a celebration for shoppers

By Andy Ouriel  
Reporter

It might not be recognized as a national holiday, but the day after Thanksgiving is a ritual in its own way to some.

Black Friday — the Friday after Thanksgiving — is a much anticipated day for retail stores. Store owners extend business hours and offer the best deals of the year to attract shoppers looking for the best bargains.

It is not official but the day is called Black Friday because of a long-time idea that most stores are in debt (or in the red) before that day. Black Friday is thought to be the day the accounting department sees a net gain resulting in a profit.

According to the National Retail Federation, more than 140

million people made purchases on Black Friday in 2006, averaging around \$360 per transaction. This was an increase of almost 19 percent from 2005.

University student and annual avid shopper Eliegh Robinson says it is an experience to go shopping and witness what happens.

"Basically I love shopping [on] Black Friday for the excitement and thrills," Robinson said. "Seeing people outside waiting for low prices in the freezing cold is astonishing."

Eliegh Robinson | Avid holiday shopper

Black Friday is one of the most profitable and busiest days for retail stores.

"It is really good for the economy because it helps maximize profits for different retailers," Robinson said.

Even smaller, local stores experience more traffic due to this day.

Independently-owned Finders Records at 128 N. Main St. prepared for the day by mak-

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## FRIDAY

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ing sure extra staff were there to help customers out.

"We usually schedule a couple more people so there is always someone at the register and some people on the floor to help customers find what they are looking for," Finders manager Laura Fredericks said.

In addition to providing extra help and a friendly atmosphere, local businesses present different varieties in products, unlike a major retail store where they care to the public and not the individual's need, said Sheri LaFontaine, manager of the children's toy store Love and Learn at the Town Center at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

Because her store offers lead-free toys, LaFontaine said it reassures buyers.

"It allows people to give gifts that are safe and they are comforted by them," LaFontaine said.

One thing stores like Finders Records and Love and Learn do not have to deal with are the potential customers lining up and crowding the store's entrance as early as dawn on Friday morning.

As restless customers wait outside mega retail stores hours before the store opens, animosity

builds and people can get restless.

Bowling Green Wal-Mart cashier Jesse Bockhahn worked during Black Friday and noticed how crazy some of the customers can get.

Some people will do anything to get the gift they want by using their aggression and being possessive of certain gifts they "need" to have for their children or themselves, Bockhahn said.

"I don't understand it how people can be so rude," she said. "It's not the Christmas spirit at all [because] it brings out the worst in people."

By working in a mega retail store, Bockhahn has first-hand knowledge of how people are on this day and tries to avoid them at all costs.

"I think I would rather wait to buy whatever I need the day after even if I had to pay five or ten dollars more than deal with people," Bockhahn said.

Bockhahn did not experience any brutality from customers this year, but said she heard some rumors.

Although Black Friday can be a pain for workers, it remains a customer's Super Bowl.

"It's the time of your life because it is the one day you get to race against and push people down to get to the product that you want," Robinson said.

## USG

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Bowen-Thompson Student Union. A number of senators present at the meeting felt that if the lounge was turned into the ESC, it would prevent students from using the space as a study area.

"If an opportunity is presented, [the committee] will try and move into the offices next door that are currently being used for technical support," Almeida said in response to the concerns.

If turned into the ESC, the lounge would be used to host meetings and discussions between student organizations that would offer an accepting and welcoming atmosphere.

Vice President Nick Gamero, who is in favor of passing the resolution, feels the promise of collaboration between the two different organizations is appealing.

"Working together is key," he said. "An organization that can better manage other organizations is beneficial to everybody."

And even if the multicultural lounge is transformed into the Ethnic Student Center, Almeida said minority students will not be the only ones

**"An organization that can better manage other organizations is beneficial to everybody."**

Nick Gamero | Vice president

welcome.

"The doors will be open to everybody," he said. "There are no requirements for students to use the lounge."

Although the proposed Ethnic Student Center originally lacked support from the University community, the roughly eight-member core committee behind it has compiled a list of organizations and names of students who support their goals and aims.

But USG President Johnnie L. Lewis, who feels that the idea would be greatly beneficial to the University, still wants to hear more about the center before he passes the resolution.

"I need to understand exactly what the center's purpose is before signing it," he said. "Right now, that's my biggest concern."

## BLOTTER WEDNESDAY

2:58 A.M.

Bryan Pacak of Parma Heights, Ohio, was cited for theft.

11:37 A.M.

Someone entered an unlocked vehicle on Troup Avenue and scattered items around. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

11:52 A.M.

A wallet was taken from an unlocked car on University Lane.

2:38 P.M.

Someone took a CD player and three video games, valued at a total of \$240, from an unlocked car on Troup Avenue. The car door was left open in the rain, resulting in about \$500 worth of water damage.

2:45 P.M.

Susan Bernice Christensen, 41, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal trespass at Wal-Mart. Christensen had previously been banned from the store for a prior shoplifting incident.

7:44 P.M.

A Les Paul guitar and case, valued at \$1,000, were taken from an unlocked vehicle on South Summit Street.

## FRIDAY

2:51 A.M.

A CD case was taken from a vehicle on Valleyview Drive.

3:53 A.M.

Someone entered an unlocked vehicle on Harvest Lane. Nothing was taken.

3:54 A.M.

Someone tried to break into a van on Knollwood Drive, damaging the door handle which will now need to be replaced. Total cost of damage is \$1,500.

## SATURDAY

1:45 A.M.

Adam S. Rogers, 22, of Hartville, Ohio, was issued a civil citation for public urination.

2:41 A.M.

Police found Rashelle J. Sanders, 32, of Bowling Green, intoxicated, passed-out and laying partially in the roadway on South Prospect Street. When police asked who she was, she gave the fake name of Latasha Heat. She was arrested for disorderly conduct.

4:08 P.M.

A flag was reported stolen after the football game from the stadium on Friday.

## SUNDAY

12:43 A.M.

Corey S. James, 22, of Canton, Ohio, was cited for public urination on East Court Street.

2:03 A.M.

Joshua C. Hopple, 22, of Jerry City, Ohio, and Daniel R. Hopple, 25, of North Baltimore, Ohio, were each arrested for assault at a home on Parkview Drive.

3:53 P.M.

A student reported his Xbox 360 and Nintendo Wii stolen from his room in Kreisler.

9:24 P.M.

Adrienne Seabrooks of Columbus, OH, was cited for possession of marijuana less than 100 grams.

9:26 P.M.

Sometime between Wednesday and Saturday, unknown subjects tore up the bushes and smashed the pumpkins of a home on West Reed Avenue. It appears that the subjects then went inside the garage and were smoking and drinking, but nothing was taken from the garage.

10:55 P.M.

A student reported his laptop stolen from the Union.

## MONDAY

12:55 A.M.

A manager at Waffle House on East Wooster Street called to report an unruly customer. The patron made rude hand gestures to the manager and told her that she would die alone. The customer was gone by the time police arrived.

## CORRECTION POLICY

We want to correct all factual errors. If you think an error has been made, call The BG News at 419-372-6966.

A page 1 article on Nov. 20 incorrectly spelled the name of the country of Slovakia.

An article on page 2 of the same issue incorrectly stated the number of people expected to attend the Family Motor Coach Association's 86th International Convention to be held in Bowling Green in July 2009. About 8,000 to 10,000 people are expected at the convention.

## IRAQ

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new U.S.-Iraq "declaration of principles" during a secure video conference yesterday morning.

Al-Maliki, in a televised address, said his government would ask the United Nations to renew the mandate for the multinational force for one final time with its authorization to end in 2008.

The U.S.-Iraq agreement will replace the present U.N. mandate regulating the presence of the U.S.-led forces in Iraq. Al-Maliki said the agreement provides for U.S. support for the "democratic

regime in Iraq against domestic and external dangers."

It also would help the Iraqi government thwart any attempt to suspend or repeal a constitution drafted with U.S. help and adopted in a nationwide vote in 2005. That appeared to be a reference to any attempt to remove the government by violence or in a coup.

Al-Maliki said the renewal of the multinational forces' mandate was conditional on the repeal of what he called restrictions on Iraqi sovereignty introduced in 1990 by the U.N. Security Council to punish Iraq for invading neighboring Kuwait.

The new agreement would

not signal an end to the U.S. mission here. But it could change the rules under which U.S. soldiers operate and give the Iraqis a greater role in determining their mission.

Two Republican senators said that unless Baghdad makes more political progress by January, the U.S. should consider withdrawing financial aid or political support from al-Maliki.

The warnings, coming from Sens. Lindsey Graham and Saxby Chambliss, were an indication that while GOP patience on the war has increased this fall because of security gains made by the military, it isn't bottomless.

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# 91-year-old finds a sense of belonging at college

By Ruth Padawer  
MCT

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Harold Dinzes may be the oldest college kid in New Jersey and is surely one of the most gung-ho.

At 91, Dinzes is a history major at Montclair State University at a time when the percentage of college students age 65 and older has plummeted in New Jersey.

Four days a week, the Passaic, N.J., man is on campus wearing jeans and a backpack like any other student, drawn by the lure of academics and a conviction that he has discovered a place where he finally belongs. He has even asked the administration if he can be buried at the school.

As he makes his way across campus, Dinzes is greeted by professors, secretaries and classmates who wave and holler, "Hi Harold!" At the academic advising office, the counselors welcome him with hugs and pecks on the cheek. At the library, mature librarians and young interns whisper with him about gems in the stacks. At the student cafe, pals from class plop down beside him to discuss assignments.

"These kids," he says, referring to everyone on campus under 80, "make me feel like a million bucks."

Around him, the coeds who aren't smooching are typing on laptops, listening to iPods or chatting on cellphones — all contraptions that seem to Dinzes like futuristic wizardry. Dinzes doesn't even have a typewriter.



CHRIS PEDOTA | AP PHOTO

**COLLEGE LIFE:** Harold Dinzes, 91, is the oldest student at Montclair State University in Montclair, New Jersey.

His teachers allow him to write his assignments by hand, which he does in three drafts: one in chicken scratch to get his ideas down, a second to pull it together and a third to perfect his penmanship.

There are, of course, other reminders of his age. On his first day at school, he scoped out every bathroom on campus because the water pill he takes for his heart requires a quick response.

"I was so naive when I started here," he says. "I asked a kid sitting next to me if I had to raise my hand when I had to go to the bathroom. No, the kid said, you can just go. I thought, Wow, it wasn't like that when I went to high school."

Even before Dinzes graduated from Passaic High in the 1930s, he dreamed of going to college but his family needed him to work. His parents could afford to send only one child to school

and Dinzes' sister was the brainier one. Their mother hocked all her jewelry to pay the tab.

In 1942, Dinzes was drafted, spending four years with the Army in the South Pacific. He yearned for books but the only book at the base — besides Army manuals, and he even read those — was a worn copy of Plato. He read it until it came apart in the jungle humidity.

When the war ended, Dinzes signed up as a reservist. But in 1950, with tensions rising in Korea, he was tapped again. His wife was four months' pregnant with their first child. Dinzes served until 1953.

After his return, Dinzes worked with his father in a plumbing supply shop, which Dinzes eventually took over. His sons worked with him until he closed shop at age 84, trounced by the Home Depot down the street.

# Chicago campus death raises security questions

By Azam Ahmed, Jodi S. Cohen  
and Robert Mitchum  
MCT

CHICAGO — For the few hundred congregated at the vigil on the University of Chicago's quad last Tuesday, there was a mixture of fear, grief and numbness.

The shooting death of Amadou Cisse, a Senegalese doctoral student full of promise, has also raised questions about the school's emergency alert system and broader concerns about safety in the Hyde Park community.

Last Tuesday, university officials said they would review whether they waited too long — nine hours — to alert students to the murder of Cisse, 29, as he walked to his off-campus home at about 1:30 a.m. Monday. In the hour before, two other attacks against university students and a staffer occurred within blocks of the slaying.

While school officials knew about the fatal shooting by about 2:30 a.m., they decided not to tell students until they had more facts, university spokeswoman Julie Peterson said. It was the first test of their text-messaging emergency alert system, she said.

"At that time, I don't think anybody was discussing or considering sending an immediate alert to the campus community in the middle of the night," she said. "In retrospect, it's a fair question about whether we wanted to do that."

Chicago police put out an alert for a car that may have been involved in the two other incidents — an attempted shooting of a university staff member and the robbery of two female students by five men. Police described the four-door car as light silver or white, with one red door on the driver's side.

**"The incident makes me have second thoughts about studying in this country."**

Keremcan Alp | Int'l student

Last Tuesday, students made their way through the foggy campus to class, the routine a way of preserving their sense of security.

"People are cautious talking about it," said Joseph Apodaca, 25, a fifth-year undergraduate student. "They don't want to know details. It's scary to think about it too much that it happened to a student."

Others resigned themselves to the dangers of an urban environment and questioned how much the measures taken by the university can safeguard them.

"The incident makes me have second thoughts about studying in this country," said Keremcan Alp, 22, an international student from Turkey. "Adding more buses and more free rides won't make us more safe."

Some talked about the complexities of studying at a school where gentrification and school expansions can leave students confronted with unfamiliar surroundings.

As she handed out fliers for a rally to mourn Cisse's murder, Angela Sears, 45, a community activist who works at the Woodlawn Early Childhood Development Center, spoke of the tension in the community as the university extended south.

Olusola Akintunde, 30, a consultant with the university, said a social disconnect exists between the students and the residents that live in the neighborhoods surrounding the university. Much of it has to do with gentrification.

# Rising interest to learn different languages

By Lisa M. Krieger  
MCT

College students are increasingly opting to study Middle Eastern, African and Asian languages rather than Spanish, French and German, according to a major new survey by a group that has tracked such statistics for nearly 50 years.

A study by the Modern Language Association released earlier this month, the first since 2002, offers a snapshot of student interest in languages in the fall of 2006 at all post-secondary schools in the country.

Still, Spanish is by far the most popular language studied at U.S. colleges and universities, the study found.

For reasons ranging from Sept. 11 to the Internet and the globalization of the American economy, the largest increases in interest were in Middle Eastern and African languages, where enrollments grew by 55.9 percent and in Asian and Pacific languages, which reported a 24.6 increase.

"There is a readiness on the part of many students to study what have long been considered less familiar and more difficult languages," said Karin Ryding, a member of the MLA's the association's Committee on Foreign Languages and Professor of Arabic at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

"Americans are, above all, pragmatic language learners," said Ryding at a news conference Nov. 13. "If they see a vital need in terms of national interest or professional opportunity, they will invest the time and energy to study those languages."

## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgnews.com

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

**Muslim Student Association Prayer Room**  
204 Olscamp

9 a.m.

**Violence and Art Film Series**  
204 Fine Arts Bldg

9 - 11 a.m.

**Prairie Margins Raffle**  
118-6 Union Table Space

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Laura Gajewski - Mixed Media Resin Works**  
The Little Gallery

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

**Silent Solidarity pick-up**  
208 Union

9:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

**APA Conference**  
Union Bookstore entrance

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**T-shirt Sales**  
118-6 Union Table Space

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Cocoon Shelter**  
118-4 Union Table Space

12 - 1 p.m.

**Weight Watchers at Work**  
315 Union

1 - 2:15 p.m.

**How to: Women's Self Defense**  
316 Union

2 - 5 p.m.

**Prairie Margins Raffle**  
118-7 Union Table Space

6:30 - 11 p.m.

**Falcon Marching Band Banquet**  
202A Union

7:30 - 9 p.m.

**RSA General Assembly Meeting**  
207 Union

8 p.m.

**Oceans in Space**  
112 Physical Science Building

9 - 10 p.m.

**University Film Organization Meeting**  
105 South Hall

9:15 - 10:15 p.m.

**Resident Advisor Information Session**  
Harshman Community Room

## Customer Appreciation Day!

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# FORUM

"People are cautious talking about it ... They don't want to know details. It's scary to think about it too much that it happened to a student." — Joseph Apodaca, a University of Chicago student, on the shooting death of a doctoral student there Monday [see story, p. 3]

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What makes you curse?



"Getting kicked in the...shins."

**TODD GILSDORF**, Senior, Middle Childhood Education



"Getting cut off on the road."

**BRITTNEY RAGIN**, Junior, VCT



"Losing at Super Smash Bros."

**WES STRIETER**, Senior, Classic Civilizations



"When people don't live up to their responsibilities."

**KIERRA CLARK**, Junior, Biology

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## Me and my friend, sittin' in a tree...



**BRANDON WRAY**, COLUMNIST

Can men and women be friends?

Rarely an issue generations ago because the answer was simply no, it is a modern question as gender roles change and workplaces become more integrated.

I began thinking about this after a recent argument with my 27-year-old younger brother. He told me that I should stop hanging around with married women, engaged women or females who were otherwise in relationships. His comments came after I took an old college friend, who has a boyfriend, as my date to another old college friend's wedding and after I went to lunch with another old friend who is married.

He said if his girlfriend was asked to a wedding, out to lunch or even regularly talked on the phone with another guy he'd "probably bust the guy's ass" even though he would not be jealous or think his girlfriend was cheating on him.

He actually said, "it's just not right" for his girl to have other guy friends. For one reason, he said male-female friendships just put a strain on their primary relationship.

I immediately told him he was still living in the 1950's, was too Republican and spent too much time listening to Glenn Beck. I told him his girlfriend should have as many male friends as she wants and it is probably unusual for neither to have any friends of the opposite sex.

I told him I have numerous female friends, in relationships or not, and we are totally cool.

But being the open-minded person I am, I decided to give what I thought were his closed-minded views a little thought and do a little research.

It also so happened about this same time I found out there was a totally untrue rumor that I was sleeping with this female friend at work, simply because we seem to have long, intense conversations. Now this girl, who is 11 years younger than me (but still legal, I am just really old) is single but I still saw that the people who proliferated the rumor probably shared my brother's thinking.

And while disputing my brother's argument, I admitted to him that before one of my female friends was married and having problems with her future husband she and I made out and considered dating before

"I do have numerous female friends. Several started out as me liking them romantically. I would find the attraction was not mutual and we became good friends."

she got back together with him. I believe this was the "we were on a break!" issue Ross had on "Friends."

Maybe I was helping make my brother's case.

Match.com recently did a survey on the issue. Here are some of the highlights:

"Do you believe men and women can be platonic friends?"

Yes: 83 percent  
No: 11 percent  
Unsure: 6 percent  
Have you had a platonic friendship that crossed the line and became romantic or sexual?

Yes: 62 percent  
No: 36 percent  
Unsure: 2 percent (Brandon's note — how can you be unsure about this?)

"Who is more likely to misinterpret the intimacy of friendship for sexual desire?"

Men: 64 percent  
Women: 25 percent  
Unsure: 11 percent  
"Is it possible to fall in love with someone who first enters your life as a friend?"

Yes: 94 percent  
No: 4 percent  
Unsure: 2 percent  
"Do you hope that when you do fall in love, your partner will have started out as your friend?"

Yes: 71 percent  
No: 9 percent  
Unsure: 20 percent  
"Who is better at keeping sex out of a platonic relationship?"

Men: 13 percent  
Women: 67 percent  
Unsure: 20 percent  
Okay, the Match.com survey is pretty interesting. Most people, and many psychologists according to a Psychology Today article, said they think men and women can and should be friends. It also says sometimes things do get physical and guys generally may either mistake the friendship as something more or simply try to get some action off their friend.

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MICHAEL WEIGMAN | THE BG NEWS

## Tough diplomatic road ahead for building Middle East peace



**MWENDA M'MAILUTHA**, COLUMNIST

Today, Annapolis, Maryland: International leaders, including representatives from the United States, Israel, the Palestinian Authority and several Arab states are meeting. Why? To further build a foundation upon which Israelis and Palestinians can move toward a peace agreement. It is another effort at resuscitating the perpetually half-dead Middle East peace process.

Brokered and hosted by the United States, the gathering will be opened by U.S. President George Bush. Success at Annapolis will be good news all around, not just in the Middle East. For President Bush, success might as well go down in history as his most phenomenal achievement. It could be his legacy.

Will Annapolis give hope for peace in the Middle East? Previous opportunities have been cute photo-ops that went up in gunfire back in the Middle East. If Annapolis resuscitates the half-dead "road map" and eggs the peace process towards the home stretch, it will be worth the hype, effort and hope.

Going into the conference has not been exactly easy. Condoleezza Rice, U.S. secretary of state, has been working hard to bring it to bear. In what she called a "political horizon" for the Palestinians, Condi planned

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to have Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert go to Annapolis with a declaration. However, this came a cropper; the two sides' hair-splitting on borders, Jerusalem and "right of return" scuttled her plan.

Even as the clock ticks to Annapolis, the White House is still hopeful of a declaration; President Bush has been doing high-end diplomacy with the two leaders to urge them on.

However, the Middle East leaders have not been having it easy: Mahmoud Abbas has been having sleepless nights from, ironically, a democratically elected, belligerent Hamas that kicked Fatah out of the Gaza Strip in the summer. He is hence grasping at straws of credibility as the one supposed to be in control.

Ditto Olmert. With a shaky ruling coalition at home, he has been walking on egg shells. Olmert has in his coalition men to whom the idea of independent Palestine is anathema. They claim that Palestinians are just interested in driving the Jewish state into the sea.

The positions these two men occupy are unenviable; they both have constituencies that want peace (or make pretensions to peaceful aspirations) but are unwilling to cede any ground in the pursuit for the same.

As much as Olmert and Abbas might be willing to sign a peace treaty giving their two nations a chance at a happy independent coexistence, they live in the shadow of unrelenting electorates (mainly vested interest groups) that would toss them to high hell for giving concessions.

Peace in the region remains elusive precisely because of these recalcitrant positions. Each has a raft of conditions that the

other has to meet. Israel wants Palestinians (Abbas) to establish full authority in the territories they hold for now.

This means effectively dealing with hordes of men who are always too happy to shoot or lob bombs into Israeli settlements. Israel will also hear none of the right of return for Palestine refugees scattered to the four winds in 1948 when the state was founded and it bristles at the thought of sharing Jerusalem.

On the other hand, Palestinians want the Israelis to stop encroaching on their land (those settlements), a shared Jerusalem, the right of return for Palestinian refugees and a pre-1967 border plan.

That neither wants to budge is defeatist. The mutual hard-line stance is their greatest undoing. It has led to the assassination of a peace-seeking Israeli prime minister, reduced the region into a time bomb and emboldened a gung-ho army in the name of Hamas that now rules the roost in the Gaza strip. Both sides adamantly see their engagement as a zero-sum game, never a positive sum game where everyone wins.

It will be too ambitious to expect President Bush to unfurl a map delineating two states, Israel and Palestine at Annapolis. However, the conference can do much by coming closer to a map. Obviously, it will take time, tough negotiations, tough concessions and an abandonment of zero sum game plans and quid pro quos.

Both Israel and Palestine should come out of Annapolis with at least the following: That a border means pre-1967, that

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## The wrong gospel

RAY RONDINI | GUEST COLUMNIST

As many of the University community are aware, there is a man who frequents the Union Oval with a guitar slung around his shoulders and a Bible in hand. He preaches a message of repentance for the salvation of souls. He is, of course, a Christian. As a fellow Christian, I wish to address some issues that are raised in my mind by his very presence on campus.

While his intention to lead others to salvation is admirable, I find his message incomplete and his methods deplorable. This man approaches people with the awkward, often-intimidating question of, "Are you born again?", and alternates between speaking one-on-one with passers-by and preaching to whomever his voice will carry. The main issue I have with his message is that it is largely incomplete. It only gets half the picture. What he fails to mention

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## Politics' dot-com dollars

ALEX MERCED | GUEST COLUMNIST

Thirty-thousand people gave \$4.3 million, an online fundraising record and largest fundraising day for a GOP candidate, to Ron Paul on Nov. 5. What was a landmark day in grassroots-powered fundraising is now called a "Money Bomb." Now the Paul-powered grassroots have two more "bombs" in order to continue the momentum: RudysReadingList.com, an effort to hit the campaign's \$12 million goal on Nov. 30; and TeaParty07.com, a push to raise \$10 million on Dec. 16 in celebration of the Boston Tea Party. Both sites are filled with relevant videos and graphs and visual appeal.

So what has this "revolution" in fundraising meant for other campaigns who have typically relied on funding from the special interests and campaign-matching

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## RONDINI

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while proclaiming to people that they are essentially going to be damned forever if they don't approach god in the "right way," is the love and mercy of god which is absolute and perfect; god is love. He proclaims to people that their souls are in need of a savior without ever explaining fully who that Savior, Jesus, is; his message is incomplete. Whether the reader believes the claims of Christianity is completely unimportant in this forum — I'm neither trying to convert people nor incite a religious debate.

The point is that this man, as a Christian, needs to present the whole story. Currently he makes it seem as though all Christians go around with a sordid "holier-than-thou" attitude condemning people to Hell. On the contrary, fully authentic Christians love people exactly as they are, they do not judge them!

Furthermore, my other issue

**"Just about every person who walks by him while he is preaching quickens their step, drops their gaze and rushes past in the hope of avoiding any interaction at all."**

is as I said: I find his methods deplorable. Just about every person who walks by him while he is preaching quickens their step, drops their gaze and rushes past in the hope of avoiding any interaction at all. Thus, his message that Jesus Christ died for us and loves us absolutely (a great truth!) is lost on deaf ears and even becomes something to be mocked. Clearly, this "bullhorn preaching" approach is not only ineffective, it is also largely offensive and obnoxious. Students are typically already in a hurry to get to class; being accosted by a random stranger is not generally a pleasant occurrence.

That being said, I have this request to make of the Bowling Green community: Please do not paint all Christians with the same brush! In no way do I, as a Christian, condone or

appreciate the methods this man employs. Likewise, those Christians who are seeking to be charitable and loving to their neighbors resent being associated with such blatant presumption and arrogance that this man, who claims to know the state of peoples' hearts, minds and souls, exudes. His heart is in the right place; however, his tact, compassion, charity, and love for his fellow man leave something to be desired.

So, again, I implore you, fellow members of this great academic community, do not judge the book that is Christianity by this one man who thinks he should be the cover.

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## WRAY

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I think my own life mirrors this survey. I do have numerous female friends. Several started out as me liking them romantically. I would find the attraction was not mutual and we became good friends. Maybe I am just a sadist and enjoyed the constant reminder of rejection.

In several cases, I remain very good friends with ex-girlfriends. I am even close with

one's husband.

The roommate I most got along with was a platonic female friend. Perhaps it helped that we were both dating other people at the time.

The Psychology Today article states that men are able to more openly communicate their feelings and get support from women, while women enjoy taking a break from the often very emotionally draining relationships they have with other women.

The article suggests perhaps

establishing boundaries with opposite sex friends. Maybe communicating to your significant other those boundaries will make them feel more at ease.

I would never give up my female friends just because of a societal attitude, but based on my track record and the research maybe my brother and I are tied on this one.

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## Carbon tax deserves serious look

THE DAILY TAR HEEL | GUEST COLUMNIST

The evidence for global warming is "unequivocal," according to the United Nations latest report on climate change, and that sense of urgency has finally reached the U.S. Congress.

America's Climate Security Act would implement a cap-and-trade scheme, putting a limit on carbon emissions and either giving away or selling permits to pollute that could be traded between companies.

Although it's likely the bill won't pass the first time around, we're glad to see Congress finally doing something to seriously address the problems of climate change and carbon emissions. It's just a shame that it picked the second-best option.

While politically unpopular, levying a carbon tax is the most economically efficient way to combat climate change.

The main problem with a cap-and-trade system revolves around setting the quantity of permits issues and the ensuing effects on their price.

Ideally, the price would be such that the firms that find it most costly to reduce their emissions will simply buy permits from those that can cut emissions with the least expense.

But if the government allots too many permits, the price will plummet and firms will buy the low-priced permits instead of cutting emissions.

On the other hand, issuing too few permits will lead to higher

prices, which will cause firms' costs to increase exponentially and stifle economic growth.

If politicians knew precisely what quantity of permits would elicit that ideal price, then the system would work perfectly — but they don't.

Directly targeting the price of emissions with a carbon tax reduces that inefficiency.

If politicians misjudge the price of the tax and emissions don't fall to the appropriate level, it's economically much less costly during the time that it takes to change the price of the tax than the time to recall or issue more permits.

The other major advantage to a carbon tax, besides improving market efficiency, is that the revenue from the tax goes straight into government coffers.

That money could be used to reduce taxes in other areas to lessen the impact on both the consumers and industry, who will share the burden of the tax through higher costs and higher prices.

A carbon tax is also superior to subsidizing alternative energy industries, as it provides a stronger incentive to cut emissions while still providing a strong financial reason to develop other energy sources.

Unfortunately, a carbon tax has little support outside of economists, though a number of presidential candidates have endorsed the idea of a cap-and-trade system.

Therefore, we need a new moniker for a carbon tax

because, to quote J.K. Rowling, "fear of a name increases fear of the thing itself."

It should be something like a pun, so that it doesn't sound like a tax but is still accurate, such as: "America's duty to preserve the quality of the world for its children."

*The Daily Tar Heel is the student newspaper at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.*

## MWENDAH

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Israel should compensate the new Palestine with land upon which it has built massive settlements, that Jerusalem will be the capital of both states and that right of return should be to the new Palestine, not pre-1967 Israel.

Definitely such a plan will make "zero-sum hardliners" in Israel and Palestine scream blue murder at the U.S. and the international community. However, bitter pills are sometimes the only antidote to debilitating illnesses. Another lost opportunity will be too high a price to pay for the world and a win for anarchists who want to further destabilize the Middle East.

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## MERCED

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dollars — both from which Ron Paul refuses funding? They try to replicate it. Barack Obama, Fred Thompson and Mike Huckabee supporters have all attempted efforts like these already.

Obama, who is supposed to have the largest online support next to Paul, only managed to raise around \$5,000 dollars from his grassroots fundraiser. This to me was quite shocking, that a supposed "first-tier" candidate raised so little compared to GQ's "Dark Horse of the Year." Also, "first-tier" Fred Thompson had "Fred's Giving Day," which failed to even get 100 people signed up, and many of those signed up supposedly from other campaigns as a "joke." Mike Huckabee had his "A Buck for Huck" effort, which raised a respectable \$200,000 yet that is what the Paul campaign pull typically on a daily basis from supporter-only donations.

**"Fundraising has proven that Paul's campaign isn't quite as 'third tier' as Giuliani or Romney would have you believe, yet the question of whether donations mean votes still rack the brain."**

Dennis Kucinich supporters are planning an effort on Dec. 15, Bill of Rights Day, which is a day before Paul's Teaparty07.com. This effort copies exactly the route of Paul's fundraisers with a goal of 100,000 pledges of \$100. It will be seen if Kucinich can prove the trend wrong, and be the only other candidate than Paul to have successful go at an effort like this. Paul and Kucinich are probably the most vocal candidates about ending the war and bringing troops home, and have many times said they are good friends.

Why has Paul been able to raise money faster and stronger than any other candidate without special interests, yet stay

only at 8 percent in the polls? There are many possibilities. It could be the way the polls are taken, it could be a political anomaly, or maybe it could be the possibility of demand for a conservative who is against foreign intervention and actually for small government. Either way, fundraising has proven that Paul's campaign isn't quite as "third tier" as Giuliani or Romney would have you believe, yet the question of whether donations mean votes still rack the brain.

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# U.S. and Iraq negotiate terms for future security

By Qasim Abdul-Zahra  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government, seeking protection against foreign threats and internal coups, will offer the U.S. a long-term troop presence in Iraq in return for U.S. security guarantees as part of a strategic partnership, two Iraqi officials said yesterday.

The proposal, described to The Associated Press by two senior Iraqi officials familiar with the issue, is one of the first indications that the United States and Iraq are beginning to explore what their relationship might look like once the U.S. significantly draws down its troop presence.

In Washington, President Bush's adviser on the Iraqi war, Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute, confirmed the proposal, calling it "a set of principles from which to begin formal negotiations."

As part of the package, the Iraqis want an end to the current U.N.-mandated multinational forces mission, and also an end to all U.N.-ordered restrictions on Iraq's sovereignty.

In a televised address yesterday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said his government will ask the U.N. to renew the mandate for the multinational force for one final time, with its authorization to end in 2008. He insisted that the U.N. remove all restrictions on Iraqi sovereignty.

Iraq has been living under some form of U.N. restriction since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990, the officials said.

U.S. troops and other foreign forces operate in Iraq under a U.N. Security Council man-

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Douglas Lute | Lt. General

date, which has been renewed annually since 2003. Iraqi officials have said they want that next renewal — which must be approved by the U.N. Security Council by the end of this year — to be the last.

The two senior Iraqi officials said Iraqi authorities had discussed the broad outlines of the proposal with U.S. military and diplomatic representatives. The Americans appeared generally favorable subject to negotiations on the details, which include preferential treatment for American investments, according to the Iraqi officials involved in the discussions.

The two Iraqi officials, who are from two different political parties, spoke on condition of anonymity because the subject is sensitive. Members of parliament were briefed on the plan during a three-hour closed-door meeting Sunday, during which lawmakers loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr objected to the formula.

Preferential treatment for U.S. investors could provide a huge windfall if Iraq can achieve enough stability to exploit its vast oil resources. Such a deal would also enable the United States to maintain leverage

against Iranian expansion at a time of growing fears about Tehran's nuclear aspirations.

At the White House, Lute said the new agreement was not binding.

"It's not a treaty, but it's rather a set of principles from which to begin formal negotiations," Lute said. "Think of today's agreement as setting the agenda for the formal bilateral negotiations."

Those negotiations will take place during the course of 2008, with the goal of completion by July, Lute said.

The new agreement on principles spells out what the formal, final document will contain regarding political, economic and security matters.

"We believe, and Iraqis' national leaders believe, that a long-term relationship with the United States is in our mutual interest," Lute said.

From the Iraqi side, Lute said, having the U.S. as a "reliable, enduring partner with Iraq will cause different sects inside the Iraqi political structure not to have to hedge their bets in a go-it-alone-like setting, but rather they'll be able to bet on the reliable partnership with the United States."

# Former Pakistan minister returns to Pakistan to end emergency rule



SHAH KHALID | AP PHOTO

**WELCOME BACK:** Supporters of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif drive towards Allama Iqbal International Airport to greet their leader in Lahore, Pakistan on Sunday.

## Sharif returns home, attempts to restore order

By Slobodan Lekic  
The Associated Press

LAHORE, Pakistan — Exiled former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif returned home to a hero's welcome Sunday and called on President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to end emergency rule before elections, a fresh challenge to the U.S.-backed leader.

"These [emergency] conditions are not conducive to free and fair elections," Sharif told reporters at the airport after arriving from Saudi Arabia. "I think the constitution of Pakistan should be restored, and there should be rule of law."

Sharif, the head of one of the country's main opposition parties, said he had not negotiated his return with Musharraf,

who overthrew him in a 1999 coup. Musharraf expelled Sharif when he first tried come back to Pakistan this year.

"My return is not the result of any deal," Sharif told reporters. "My life and death are for Pakistan."

Thousands of frenzied supporters pushed past police barricades into the airport in this eastern city, carrying Sharif and his brother on their shoulders and cheering wildly as Sharif stood among them on a raised platform. An armored car carrying Sharif left the airport on a procession toward a shrine in the center of the city, surrounded by screaming supporters.

Musharraf has grown increasingly unpopular since he declared a state of emergen-

cy on Nov. 3, locking up thousands of opponents, purging the Supreme Court and muzzling the media.

If Sharif and other opposition parties refuse to take part in parliamentary elections slated for January, it would undermine Musharraf's claim to be taking the country back toward democracy. Equally tricky for Musharraf would be an alliance between Sharif and another recently returned prime minister, Benazir Bhutto.

"If they come to us with a proposal of any electoral alliance, we will consider this positively," Bhutto said aboard a flight from Karachi to her hometown of Larkana, in southern Pakistan. "I welcome him home."

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## Bush meets with Mideast leaders before conference

By Anne Gearan  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush stepped cautiously into the most direct Mideast peace-making of his administration yesterday, meeting separately with the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to explore whether peace is possible.

A day ahead of a major Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Md., Bush said he was optimistic. The gathering is to launch the first direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians of Bush's nearly seven years in office, and has attracted Arab and other outside backing.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders have already said they want to conclude a bargain within the 14 months that Bush has left in office.

Bush emerged from an Oval Office meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and told him: "I'm looking forward to continuing our serious dialogue with you and the president of the Palestinian Authority to see whether or not peace is possible. I'm optimistic. I know that you're optimistic."

Next, he met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who stressed the need to address issues of Palestinian statehood, sticking points that have doomed previous peace efforts.

"We have a great deal of hope that this conference will produce permanent status nego-



AVI OHAYON | AP PHOTO

**A BARGAIN?** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, and his wife Aliza arrive at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. on Sunday.

tations, expanded negotiations, over all permanent status issues that would lead to a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian people," he said. "This is a great initiative and we need his (Bush's) continuing effort to achieve this objective."

Olmert said that international support — from Bush and also, presumably, from the Arab nations that will attend the conference — could make this effort succeed where others have failed.

"This time, it's different because we are going to have a lot of participation in what I hope will launch a serious process negotiation between us and the Palestinians," Olmert said. He was referring to the talks expected to begin in earnest after this week's U.S.-hosted meetings.

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# Malibu blaze mostly contained due to favorable conditions

By Thomas Watkins  
The Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — Favorable weather and an aerial assault early helped firefighters nearly contain a blaze yesterday that destroyed dozens of homes along winding canyon roads, the second major fire here in as many months.

A cool breeze blowing in from the Pacific Ocean kept temperatures low and moisture levels high Sunday, while 30 aircraft repeatedly dropped fire retardant and water that snuffed out most of the flames. Early yesterday, two more planes were back in the air.

The fire was 90 percent contained yesterday after burning more than 4,900 acres. Fire officials said they hope to have the blaze under control by 6 p.m. yesterday.

Residents made their way back Sunday to see if their homes were among the 53 that were burned to the ground. Several homes along Corral Canyon Road, which bore the brunt of the blaze, were reduced to blackened wrecks, while many others were virtually unscathed.

"There's no rhyme or reason to it," said Frank Churchill, who returned home with his wife and four children to find his white stucco home largely undamaged, while three neighboring homes were leveled. "It doesn't make sense."

Thirty-four other homes were damaged and as many as 14,000 people were evacuated from the blaze, which was whipped up by hot, dry Santa Ana winds.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger surveyed the damage and hugged Jennifer Grossman who returned from a trip to find her home destroyed.

"This is very, very sad," Schwarzenegger said to Grossman. "We're going to help you."

Malibu was still recovering from last month's 4,565-acre



**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES:** California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger tours an area of burned homes off Corral Canyon Road, Malibu, Calif. on Sunday.

Canyon Fire that destroyed six homes, two businesses and a church when the winds began whipping up again.

"You think it's over for the year, and then, it's here we go again," Montebello City Fire Capt. Fernando Peliaz said as his crew soaked down the still-smoldering remains of a home.

Hundreds of firefighters and equipment from throughout the state had been positioned in Southern California for most of the week because of the predicted Santa Ana winds.

Investigators said the fire, which broke out along a dirt road off a paved highway, was caused by humans, but they had not determined if it was started intentionally, county fire Inspector Rick Dominguez said.

Sheriff's deputies with bloodhounds were seen headed into the area that residents said is a popular spot for outdoor partying by young people. Several locals were convinced the fire was started by late-night revelers who may have lit a campfire.

"I've been up there and seen howling groups of teenagers drinking," Corral Canyon Road resident Ricardo Means, 57, said of the rugged spot near the far end of the winding road where

blackened beer bottles could be seen littering the ground.

Malibu, with homes tucked into deep and narrow canyons along 27 miles of coast on the southern foot of the Santa Monica Mountains, is prone to Santa Ana-driven wildfires. Among them was a 1993 blaze that destroyed 388 structures, including 268 homes, and killed three people.

Saturday's fire was west of the areas of Malibu that burned in October. Despite the constant threat of wildfires and other natural hazards, residents seem to love living there. A sense of community, quietness compared to Los Angeles and proximity to nature are all cited by locals.

"It's just tranquility after madness of the city," said stem-cell researcher Denis Rodgeron, whose house survived. "It's a nice place."

Associated Press writers Robert Jablon and Christopher Weber in Malibu and Noaki Schwartz in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

# Toddler washed ashore believed to be 'Baby Grace'

By Juan A. Lozano  
The Associated Press

GALVESTON, Texas — Investigators said yesterday they are "fairly confident" that a toddler whose body washed ashore in a plastic box is the same little girl whom authorities dubbed "Baby Grace."

Police were awaiting DNA test results to confirm the child's identity. Meanwhile, the mother and stepfather of 2-year-old Riley Ann Sawyers were in custody on charges of hurting the girl.

"It was a few weeks ago I held up this little shoe and asked 'Who is Baby Grace? Who does this belong to,'" sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo said at a news

conference. "We're now fairly confident we know the answer to that."

A fisherman found the child's remains Oct. 29 in Galveston Bay. An autopsy revealed three skull fractures, but the cause of death has not been determined. Tuttoilmondo said he could not discuss details of the little girl's death.

"We still don't know the full details of what happened," he said.

Riley and her mother, Kimberly Dawn Trenor, moved this year from suburban Cleveland to Spring, about 75 miles north of Galveston.

Trenor, 19, and Royce Clyde Zeigler II, 24, were arrested early Saturday and charged with inju-



**Royce Clyde Zeigler II**

Along with Trenor, charged with injury to a child



**Kimberly Dawn Trenor**

Mother of Riley Ann Sawyers

ry to a child and tampering with evidence, Tuttoilmondo said. Bail was set at \$350,000 each. Wendell Odom, Zeigler's attorney, declined to comment on the case.

# Gunshots fired at mall after gunman and security officer scuffle

By Dorie Turner  
The Associated Press

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — A gunman tried to rob a security guard at a shopping mall yesterday, and both men were shot as a panicked lunchtime crowd ran and ducked for cover, officials and witnesses said.

The guard's injuries were not believed to be life-threatening, said Bill Ball, general manager of the Arbor Place Mall. Police said the suspect's wounds were more severe.

Shoppers and mall workers ran from the food court "with terror on their faces," said Diana Shasta, manager of a

"I heard gunshots and I saw pieces of the sign flying out ... it was scary."

Catrina Lemley | Mall employee

marketing company that has an office at the mall.

"I've never been so frightened in my life," the 30-year-old said. "Everybody was running for their lives, grabbing their babies, pulling their friends."

One bullet tore through a laminated sign at the Auntie Anne's pretzel stand, narrow-

ly missing employee Catrina Lemley and manager Sharon Wilson.

"I heard gunshots and I saw pieces of the sign flying out. My manager told me to get down," said Lemley, 19, who is eight months pregnant. "It was scary."

The Brinks guard was in the mall to service ATM machines, Ball said. The guard was on the second floor when the robber approached and put a gun to his head, police said.

They scuffled and both men fired, with the guard hit in the leg and suspect in the mouth. Douglasville Police Chief Joe Whisenant said.

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## History

**1960** - Gordie Howe becomes the first NHL player to score 1,000 points.

## The List

As we do at the beginning of every week, The BG News presents our fantasy studs for Week 12 of the NFL season.

**1. Brett Favre (GB):**

Once again, the wise one ruins Thanksgiving in Detroit with a 381-yard, three touchdown performance.

**2. Drew Brees (NO):**

It was a good week for the Saints as Brees threw for three scores and ran for another.

**3. Chad Johnson (CIN): [below]**

Back to his old form, "Ocho Cinco" did it all, scoring three times and even operating a camera.

**4. Larry Fitzgerald (ARI):**

He caught two touchdowns and gained 156 yards, if only his team didn't blow a lead and lose in overtime.

**5. Minnesota defense:**

Four interceptions, three for scores and three sacks. It's safe to say Eli Manning wishes he'd thrown to his own players instead of Minnesota's.

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# Rout on I-75

Offense nearly perfect in rival romp

By Bill Bordewick  
Reporter

It was the perfect caper to a not-so-perfect, but thrilling season.

The BG football came into Friday's game as the favorite as it had rebounded from a 4-4 start to win its last three games and had one game to win in what coach Gregg Brandon called "BG's mini playoff."

The Rockets came into the game with a 5-6 record, but had beaten the Falcons in their last three meetings. They had reason to be confident — but so did the Falcons.

BG, with everything on the line, came out and played inspired football from the start and dominated the Rockets en route to a 37-10 victory over its most-hated rival and the first for this senior class.

"It is huge, since we have not beaten them in three years," Brandon said. "We talked about that all week with the seniors — the last time we beat them was in 2003 right here in Bowling Green to win the West. It is extra special to get this win for those 14 seniors."

BG started off by driving the length of the field in its opening drive but fell short of the end zone after Toledo's defense stood strong and forced a Tyler Sheehan fumble at the one-yard line.

The defense picked the offense up two plays later by forcing a safety and the Falcons never looked back.

BG followed up the safety by reaching into its old bag of tricks on the next drive. The drive saw the Falcons convert two fourth

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**BULL DOZIER:** Erique Dozier celebrates after rushing UT's Clint Cochran and forcing an incomplection. BG gave up a season-low 10 points.

## Defense saves its best for last

By Chris Voloschuk  
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior defensive end Sean O'Drobinak was on what he described as the highest of highs Friday night, and it had nothing to do with the Peace Pipe Trophy that the Falcons won back from Toledo. It will serve as a lasting physical reminder of what happened.

The 2007 rollercoaster was over, and BG had accomplished several missions in just one 60-minute stretch.

First, there was the decisive 37-10 victory over archrival Toledo. Then, with the victory, came the assurance that the Falcons will

be playing in a bowl game somewhere in the near future. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, O'Drobinak and the rest of BG's seniors were able to end their college careers at Doyt Perry Stadium on the best note possible, beating Toledo for the first time in three years.

"There's no other feeling," O'Drobinak said. "Last time we beat [Toledo] I was just standing on the sidelines. To actually contribute in this game and get the victory, I'm on cloud nine right now."

The win served as BG's defensive statement game, the one they've been striving for all along. It could be considered

their best outing of the season. And it came at the most important time and against their biggest rival.

The Rockets came into the game as a force on offense. Running back Jalen Parmele was second in the Mid-American Conference in rushing with 1,429 yards and 14 touchdowns. As a team, Toledo featured the best total offense (459.9 yards per game) and best scoring offense (35 points per game) in the entire conference.

But in the game, BG was able to brush the statistics aside.

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## SCORING SUMMARY

## First quarter

7:55- BG team safety, 2-0 BG  
0:15- Freddie Barnes 11-yard pass from Anthony Turner (Sinisa Vrvillo kick) 9-0 BG

## Second quarter

10:30- Alex Steigerwald 21-yard field goal 9-3 BG  
4:00- Jermiah Kelley 4-yard pass from Tyler Sheehan (Vrvillo kick) 16-3 BG

## Third quarter

13:47- Nick Moore 37-yard pass from Clint Cochran (Steigerwald kick) 16-10 BG  
12:50- Jermiah Kelley 52-yard pass from Sheehan (Vrvillo kick) 23-10 BG

0:02- Chris Wright 17-yard pass from Sheehan (Vrvillo kick) 30-10 BG

## Fourth quarter

6:09- Turner 20-yard run (Vrvillo kick) 37-10 BG

## Grading the Falcons and giving awards



COLIN WILSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons finished the regular season with an 8-4 record and will more than likely receive a bowl berth. Now I'll grade the team's season and hand out some awards.

**Offense: A**

This unit only had two sub-par games all season. And when the Falcons' record fell to 4-4, they answered the call. Quarterback Tyler Sheehan had plenty of weapons at his disposal and when one player was injured, another stepped up. Receivers like Chris Wright, Jermiah Kelley and Tyrone Pronty waited in the wings and when Corey Partridge went down with a thumb injury, the trio was able to fill the void. When running back Eric Ransom went down in week two, it was freshman Willie Geter and converted quarterback Anthony Turner who came to the aid of the running game. And let's not forget the constantly stellar play of the offensive line.

**Defense: C+**

It's no secret that the Falcons struggled against the run this season. Gaudy stats by Ohio's Calvin McRae, Kent's Eugene Jarvis and Miami's Austin Sykes were a cause for concern, but in the final two games of the season, the Falcons got Michael Ream back from suspension and Jacob Hardwick back from injury and the results were good. The defense also got help from the two-deep as safety P.J. Mahone filled in admirably for Jerrett Sanderson with seven interceptions and freshman linebacker Glen Stanley took over for leading tackler John Haneline and put up similar numbers. The defense can be considered a weakness, but can hardly be blamed for any shortcomings.

**Special teams: B**

Sinisa Vrvillo was as good a placekicker the Falcons have had in a few years. He didn't miss a kick inside 40 yards and was 15-of-19 overall. He was also perfect on 46 extra-point attempts. Punter Nick Iovinelli was also a nice addition to the kicking game. He averaged 38 yards per kick and had just two kicks blocked. The kickoff coverage was spotty at times, causing the Falcons to try directing their kicks and sometimes giving up good field position. Roger Williams was one of the conference's best returners, averaging more than 23 yards per return. Williams was also the product of opponents kicking short to avoid big returns, which resulted in good field position.

**Offensive MVP: Tyler Sheehan**

The true sophomore out of Cincinnati was nothing short of impressive in 2007. He threw for 23 touchdowns and more than 3,000 yards. He also became a rushing threat later in the season with three scores on the ground. Take away his five-interception game against Boston College and Sheehan threw just six inter-

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## Achter's late-game heroics lift BG

By Chris Voloschuk  
Assistant Sports Editor

When the going got tough, Kate Achter got going.

The result? A 68-61 comeback from behind victory over a previously unbeaten St. Bonaventure team Saturday night at Anderson Arena.

Ironically enough, the theme word for the game, written on a board in the locker room by coach Curt Miller, was "tough."

Achter, a senior guard and one of the team's captains, led the way for the Falcons from the very beginning. She scored the team's first 10 points of the game and didn't look back, finishing with a career-best 32. She also pulled down six rebounds.

In the last two minutes of the game, BG trailed the Bonnies 59-55. That's when Achter kicked it into high gear, scoring 11 points to give BG back the lead they'd lost early in the second half.

The victory was no easy feat. "That is the best Bonaventure team in the history of their program," Miller said. "They're going to win over 16 games this year. They've never done that. It'll go down as the best team in the history of their school."

"That is a huge win, and more than anything, [St. Bonaventure's] such a physical team, that for a young team to be able to compete and not give up and to battle toe-to-toe, that was huge," he said.

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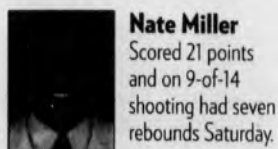
## Temple's second half too much for men at home

By Colin Wilson  
Sports Editor

The BG men's basketball team prides itself on holding its opponents to a low shooting percentage. That wasn't the case in Saturday's 72-55 loss to Temple (2-3) as the Falcons (3-2) allowed their opponents to shoot 68 percent in the second half.

Temple's one-two punch of Mark Tyndale and Dionte Christmas scored 20 and 19 points respectively and proved to be too much for BG's defense.

"It seemed like they came out in the second half and wanted it more than us," said BG for-

**Nate Miller**

Scored 21 points and on 9-of-14 shooting had seven rebounds Saturday.

ward Nate Miller. "We did not play with the intensity that we should have."

The game was tied at 31 at the half, but the cold-shooting Falcons couldn't take advantage of the Owls' defensive adjustments after the break.

Temple stayed in a zone defense and jump shots weren't

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**UNSTOPPABLE:** Kate Achter posts up against St. Bonaventure's Tiara Johnson Saturday. Achter willed the Falcons to victory with 32 points. She scored the first 10 for BG and had 11 points in the final two minutes.



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ceptions in his other 11 games and just four in conference play. His emergence allowed coach Gregg Brandon and offensive coordinator Mick McCall to open up the offense to its full capabilities.

### Defensive MVP: P.J. Mahone

This is a close call, but Mahone's seven interceptions and 80 tackles prove that he had a huge impact on the defense. That's not to mention his 220 return yards on those interceptions average out to more than 32 yards per return and include one for a touchdown. Mahone's history as a running back is very evident by the way he returns the ball and breaks tackles, almost always giving the offense better field position.

### Special Teams MVP: Sinisa Vrvillo

This junior-college transfer answered the prayers of players, coaches and fans by being a consistent contributor for BG. It all started in the spring game when he kicked the game-winner and continued when he sent the Falcons' opener at Minnesota into overtime where they eventually won.

### X-Factor: Anthony Turner

After starting the season as the



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**MR. SLASH:** Anthony Turner (17) has established himself as a runner, receiver and a passer which keeps defenses on their toes at all times. That's why we named him our X-factor.

No. 2 quarterback on the depth chart, Turner found a way to be on the field almost every down for the offense. He started taking direct snaps early in the season before lining up next to Sheehan and running as a true tailback. Turner ran for 501 yards on 101 carries and nine touchdowns. He also caught 16 passes for 152 yards and went 4-of-5 passing with three touchdowns. A model of efficiency, Turner averaged more than 5.5 yards per

touch and joined Freddie Barnes and Tyler Sheehan as the only Falcons to rush for, throw and catch a touchdown.

### Turning point: 4-4

After an unexpected loss to Ohio University, the Falcons turned around and won their last four games, averaging more than 37 points per game. There is no doubt that as the MAC regular season comes to a close, the Falcons are the team with the most momentum.

## Taylor shot in possible robbery

Safety remains in critical condition at Miami hospital

By Matt Sedensky  
The Associated Press

PALMETTO BAY, Fla. — Washington Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition yesterday after surgery for a gunshot wound to his leg during what police are investigating as a possible armed robbery at his home.

The 24-year-old player was in the intensive care unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital after several hours of surgery, said family friend Richard Sharpstein, his former lawyer. Taylor lost a "significant" amount of blood because the bullet damaged his femoral artery, Sharpstein said.

Doctors are worried the blood loss might affect blood flow to the brain, said Sharpstein, who was at the hospital with Taylor's family and friends. Taylor has had several on- and off-the-field problems — two years ago he was accused



PETER LOCKLEY | AP PHOTO

**TAYLOR:** Washington Redskins football player Sean Taylor is shown before the start of a game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Jacksonville, Fla.

of brandishing a gun.

Officers were sent to Taylor's home at about 1:45 a.m. after his girlfriend called 911 and said he was shot in his lower body, Lt. Nancy Perez said. Taylor had missed the last two games because of a knee injury and was at home recuperating. Taylor was airlifted to the hospital.

Investigators were still interviewing the girlfriend and other relatives who were in the home to try to determine what happened, Perez said. No arrests have been

made.

"It could have been a possible burglary; it could have been a possible robbery," Perez said. "It has not been confirmed as yet."

Sharpstein said Taylor's girlfriend told him the couple was awakened by loud noises, and Taylor grabbed a machete he keeps in the bedroom for protection. Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, the lawyer said.

"It was clearly a burglary, an armed burglary," Sharpstein said, adding nothing appeared to have been stolen.

The shooting happened at a home Taylor bought two years ago in the Miami suburb of Palmetto Bay. The player is in his fourth season with the Redskins after playing at the University of Miami, where he was an All-American in 2003. Despite his injury, he is tied for the NFC lead with five interceptions.

In Ashburn, Va., Redskins owner Dan Snyder said he was

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Behind Achter's early scoring surge and an effective 2-3 zone defense, BG was able to take the lead from the beginning and led by nine with 11:17 to go in the first half.

But in the waning minutes of the half, the Bonnies began to break through the zone and hit their jump shots. At halftime, BG led by a single point, 34-33. While cutting into the lead, the Bonnies shot 50 percent from the field compared to BG's 38.

In the second half, the Bonnies were able to go on a 17-6 run, and with just over 13 minutes left in the game led by nine.

The rally started in the last six minutes of the game and led into

the Achter scoring flurry at the end. This time, it was the Bonnies who were having trouble scoring, as they shot 29 percent in the half. BG shot 42 percent.

According to Miller, the team's ability to weather the storm and get back the lead near the end of the game revealed a lot about their makeup.

"We grew up tonight," Miller said. "We got better tonight. We saw a lot of resilience out of a young group. We got contributions off our bench down the stretch and we were tough when we needed to be."

"I'm really proud," he added. "That is as gutsy of a win as I've been involved in since we've been at BG. We had every reason to fold and we did not fold, and led by Kate Achter, just willed us to the win."

While it wasn't Achter's greatest scoring performance, she said that her game Saturday had the most impact.

"I scored a lot more points in high school," Achter said. "But [tonight] impacted the game much more than any performance I ever had in high school."

"To win at this level and to impact the game that much, it means so much more and it's something I'm going to remember a whole lot more than scoring that many points in high school."

The Falcons shot 40 percent for the game. Lauren Prochaska and Jen Uhl tied for second in scoring with six points each. Sophomore center Tara Breske also turned in a solid effort with five points and six boards, including a crucial offensive rebound that led to one of Achter's lay ups down the stretch.

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falling for BG.

The Falcons shot 2-of-18 from 3-point range and 36 percent from the field.

"We just weren't sharp," said BG coach Louis Orr. "The defense and the offense — we just weren't ourselves."

Miller led the way for BG with 21 points, but the next highest scorer was center Marc Larson with 11.

No one else scored in double digits and BG's offense never got going.

Temple coach Fran Dunphy was happy with his defense, especially the way they adjusted to Miller.

"Obviously, [Nate] Miller hurt us in the first half. He was difficult for us to defend," Dunphy said. "Despite his short stature, he is a tough customer down there, so we tried to help on him a little bit more."

Other than Miller and Larson, BG's starters shooting was less than stellar. Ryne Hamblet, Darryl Clements and Chris Knight shot a combined 4-of-27 in the game.

"We didn't show the patience with our offense," Orr said. "We need to be able to stick with what we do. We expect more from ourselves."

Temple was also effective on offense in the second half. Despite turning the ball over 12 times, the Owls missed just seven of their 22 shot attempts and made all seven free throw tries.

"We did not come out and play today with the defensive inten-



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**ON THE GRIND:** Nate Miller works around a Temple defender in Saturday's game. Miller finished with 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting in the Falcons' 72-55 loss. BG plays tonight at Furman.

sity that we have been playing with all year," Miller said. "They shot 68 percent from the field in the second half and that is one thing we were trying to keep down."

The Falcons had periods of time where they were able to make consecutive stops, including at the end of the first half when they erased a 31-25 deficit in the last two minutes to tie the game.

"We needed to come out with that same intensity, and we did not do that and it showed," Miller said.

Even though this loss snaps a three-game winning streak for the Falcons, Orr is not fearful that it will hurt his team's confidence.

"We have to shake it off and move on because it's early," he said.

BG continues its non-conference schedule at Furman tonight at 7 p.m. The game is the first of three straight road games.

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**The List**

As we do at the beginning of every week, The BG News presents our fantasy studs for Week 12 of the NFL season.

**1. Brett Favre (GB):**

Once again, the wise one ruins Thanksgiving in Detroit with a 381-yard, three touchdown performance.

**2. Drew Brees (NO):**

It was a good week for the Saints as Brees threw for three scores and ran for another.

**3. Chad Johnson (CIN): [below]**

Back to his old form, "Ocho Cinco" did it all, scoring three times and even operating a camera.

**4. Larry Fitzgerald (ARI):**

He caught two touchdowns and gained 156 yards, if only his team didn't blow a lead and lose in overtime.

**5. Minnesota defense:**

Four interceptions, three for scores and three sacks. It's safe to say Eli Manning wishes he'd thrown to his own players instead of Minnesota's.

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# Rout on I-75

Offense nearly perfect in rival romp

By Bill Bordewick  
Reporter

It was the perfect caper to a not-so-perfect, but thrilling season.

The BG football came into Friday's game as the favorite as it had rebounded from a 4-4 start to win its last three games and had one game to win in what coach Gregg Brandon called "BG's mini playoff."

The Rockets came into the game with a 5-6 record, but had beaten the Falcons in their last three meetings. They had reason to be confident — but so did the Falcons.

BG, with everything on the line, came out and played inspired football from the start and dominated the Rockets en route to a 37-10 victory over its most-hated rival and the first for this senior class.

"It is huge, since we have not beaten them in three years," Brandon said. "We talked about that all week with the seniors — the last time we beat them was in 2003 right here in Bowling Green to win the West. It is extra special to get this win for those 14 seniors."

BG started off by driving the length of the field in its opening drive but fell short of the end zone after Toledo's defense stood strong and forced a Tyler Sheehan fumble at the one-yard line.

The defense picked the offense up two plays later by forcing a safety and the Falcons never looked back.

BG followed up the safety by reaching into its old bag of tricks on the next drive. The drive saw the Falcons convert two fourth

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**BULL DOZIER:** Enrique Dozier celebrates after rushing UT's Clint Cochran and forcing an incompletion. BG gave up a season-low 10 points.

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## Defense saves its best for last

By Chris Voloschuk  
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior defensive end Sean O'Drobinak was on what he described as the highest of highs Friday night, and it had nothing to do with the Peace Pipe Trophy that the Falcons won back from Toledo. It will serve as a lasting physical reminder of what happened.

The 2007 rollercoaster was over, and BG had accomplished several missions in just one 60-minute stretch.

First, there was the decisive 37-10 victory over archrival Toledo. Then, with the victory, came the assurance that the Falcons will

be playing in a bowl game somewhere in the near future. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, O'Drobinak and the rest of BG's seniors were able to end their college careers at Doyt Perry Stadium on the best note possible, beating Toledo for the first time in three years.

"There's no other feeling," O'Drobinak said. "Last time we beat [Toledo] I was just standing on the sidelines. To actually contribute in this game and get the victory, I'm on cloud nine right now."

The win served as BG's defensive statement game, the one they've been striving for all along. It could be considered

their best outing of the season. And it came at the most important time and against their biggest rival.

The Rockets came into the game as a force on offense. Running back Jalen Parmele was second in the Mid-American Conference in rushing with 1,429 yards and 14 touchdowns. As a team, Toledo featured the best total offense (459.9 yards per game) and best scoring offense (35 points per game) in the entire conference.

But in the game, BG was able to brush the statistics aside.

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**SCORING SUMMARY****First quarter**

7:55- BG team safety, 2-0 BG  
0:15- Freddie Barnes 11-yard pass from Anthony Turner (Sinisa Vrvillo kick) 9-0 BG

**Second quarter**

10:30- Alex Steigerwald 21-yard field goal 9-3 BG  
4:00- Jermiah Kelley 4-yard pass from Tyler Sheehan (Vrvillo kick) 16-3 BG

**Third quarter**

13:47- Nick Moore 37-yard pass from Clint Cochran (Steigerwald kick) 16-10 BG  
12:50- Jermiah Kelley 52-yard pass from Sheehan (Vrvillo kick) 23-10 BG  
0:02- Chris Wright 17-yard pass from Sheehan (Vrvillo kick) 30-10 BG

**Fourth quarter**

6:09- Turner 20-yard run (Vrvillo kick) 37-10 BG

## Grading the Falcons and giving awards



COLIN WILSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Falcons finished the regular season with an 8-4 record and will more than likely receive a bowl berth. Now I'll grade the team's season and hand out some awards.

**Offense: A**

This unit only had two sub-par games all season. And when the Falcons' record fell to 4-4, they answered the call. Quarterback Tyler Sheehan had plenty of weapons at his disposal and when one player was injured, another stepped up. Receivers like Chris Wright, Jermiah Kelley and Tyrone Pronty waited in the wings and when Corey Partridge went down with a thumb injury, the trio was able to fill the void. When running back Eric Ransom went down in week two, it was freshman Willie Geter and converted quarterback Anthony Turner who came to the aid of the running game. And let's not forget the constantly stellar play of the offensive line.

**Defense: C+**

It's no secret that the Falcons struggled against the run this season. Gaudy stats by Ohio's Calvin McRae, Kent's Eugene Jarvis and Miami's Austin Sykes were a cause for concern, but in the final two games of the season, the Falcons got Michael Ream back from suspension and Jacob Hardwick back from injury and the results were good. The defense also got help from the two-deep as safety P.J. Mahone filled in admirably for Jerrett Sanderson with seven interceptions and freshman linebacker Glen Stanley took over for leading tackler John Haneline and put up similar numbers. The defense can be considered a weakness, but can hardly be blamed for any shortcomings.

**Special teams: B**

Sinisa Vrvillo was as good a placekicker the Falcons have had in a few years. He didn't miss a kick inside 40 yards and was 15-of-19 overall. He was also perfect on 46 extra-point attempts. Punter Nick Iovinelli was also a nice addition to the kicking game. He averaged 38 yards per kick and had just two kicks blocked. The kickoff coverage was spotty at times, causing the Falcons to try directing their kicks and sometimes giving up good field position. Roger Williams was one of the conference's best returners, averaging more than 23 yards per return. Williams was also the product of opponents kicking short to avoid big returns, which resulted in good field position.

**Offensive MVP: Tyler Sheehan**

The true sophomore out of Cincinnati was nothing short of impressive in 2007. He threw for 23 touchdowns and more than 3,000 yards. He also became a rushing threat later in the season with three scores on the ground. Take away his five-interception game against Boston College and Sheehan threw just six inter-

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## Achter's late-game heroics lift BG

By Chris Voloschuk  
Assistant Sports Editor

When the going got tough, Kate Achter got going.

The result? A 68-61 come-from-behind victory over a previously unbeaten St. Bonaventure team Saturday night at Anderson Arena.

Ironically enough, the theme word for the game, written on a board in the locker room by coach Curt Miller, was "tough."

Achter, a senior guard and one of the team's captains, led the way for the Falcons from the very beginning. She scored the team's first 10 points of the game and didn't look back, finishing with a career-best 32. She also pulled down six rebounds.

In the last two minutes of the game, BG trailed the Bonnies 59-55. That's when Achter kicked it into high gear, scoring 11 points to give BG back the lead they'd lost early in the second half.

The victory was no easy feat. "That is the best Bonaventure team in the history of their program," Miller said. "They're going to win over 16 games this year. They've never done that. It'll go down as the best team in the history of their school."

"That is a huge win, and more than anything, [St. Bonaventure's] such a physical team, that for a young team to be able to compete and not give up and to battle toe-to-toe, that was huge," he said.

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## Temple's second half too much for men at home

By Colin Wilson  
Sports Editor

**Nate Miller**

Scored 21 points and on 9-of-14 shooting had seven rebounds Saturday.

The BG men's basketball team prides itself on holding its opponents to a low shooting percentage. That wasn't the case in Saturday's 72-55 loss to Temple (2-3) as the Falcons (3-2) allowed their opponents to shoot 68 percent in the second half.

Temple's one-two punch of Mark Tyndale and Donte Christmas scored 20 and 19 points respectively and proved to be too much for BG's defense.

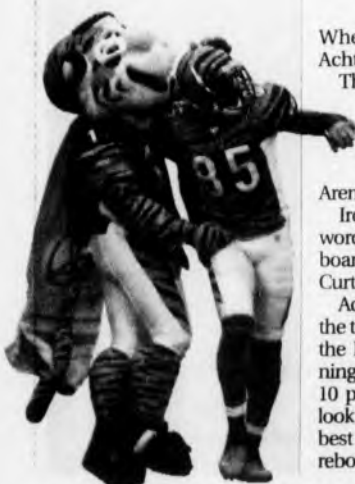
"It seemed like they came out in the second half and wanted it more than us," said BG for-

ward Nate Miller. "We did not play with the intensity that we should have."

The game was tied at 31 at the half, but the cold-shooting Falcons couldn't take advantage of the Owls' defensive adjustments after the break.

Temple stayed in a zone defense and jump shots weren't

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**UNSTOPPABLE:** Kate Achter posts up against St. Bonaventure's Tiara Johnson Saturday. Achter willed the Falcons to victory with 32 points. She scored the first 10 for BG and had 11 points in the final two minutes.



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ceptions in his other 11 games and just four in conference play. His emergence allowed coach Gregg Brandon and offensive coordinator Mick McCall to open up the offense to its full capabilities.

### Defensive MVP: P.J. Mahone

This is a close call, but Mahone's seven interceptions and 80 tackles prove that he had a huge impact on the defense. That's not to mention his 220 return yards on those interceptions average out to more than 32 yards per return and include one for a touchdown. Mahone's history as a running back is very evident by the way he returns the ball and breaks tackles, almost always giving the offense better field position.

### Special Teams MVP: Sinisa Vrvillo

This junior-college transfer answered the prayers of players, coaches and fans by being a consistent contributor for BG. It all started in the spring game when he kicked the game-winner and continued when he sent the Falcons' opener at Minnesota into overtime where they eventually won.

### X-Factor: Anthony Turner

After starting the season as the



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**MR. SLASH:** Anthony Turner (17) has established himself as a runner, receiver and a passer which keeps defenses on their toes at all times. That's why we named him our X-factor.

No. 2 quarterback on the depth chart, Turner found a way to be on the field almost every down for the offense. He started taking direct snaps early in the season before lining up next to Sheehan and running as a true tailback. Turner ran for 501 yards on 101 carries and nine touchdowns. He also caught 16 passes for 152 yards and went 4-of-5 passing with three touchdowns. A model of efficiency, Turner averaged more than 5.5 yards per

touch and joined Freddie Barnes and Tyler Sheehan as the only Falcons to rush for, throw and catch a touchdown.

### Turning point: 4-4

After an unexpected loss to Ohio University, the Falcons turned around and won their last four games, averaging more than 37 points per game. There is no doubt that as the MAC regular season comes to a close, the Falcons are the team with the most momentum.

## Taylor shot in possible robbery

Safety remains in critical condition at Miami hospital

By Matt Sedensky  
The Associated Press



PETER LOCKLEY / AP

**TAYLOR:** Washington Redskins football player Sean Taylor is shown before the start of a game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Jacksonville, Fla.

PALMETTO BAY, Fla. — Washington Redskins star safety Sean Taylor was in critical condition yesterday after surgery for a gunshot wound to his leg during what police are investigating as a possible armed robbery at his home.

The 24-year-old player was in the intensive care unit at Jackson Memorial Hospital after several hours of surgery, said family friend Richard Sharpstein, his former lawyer. Taylor lost a "significant" amount of blood because the bullet damaged his femoral artery, Sharpstein said.

Doctors are worried the blood loss might affect blood flow to the brain, said Sharpstein, who was at the hospital with Taylor's family and friends. Taylor has had several on- and off-the-field problems — two years ago he was accused

of brandishing a gun.

Officers were sent to Taylor's home at about 1:45 a.m. after his girlfriend called 911 and said he was shot in his lower body, Lt. Nancy Perez said. Taylor had missed the last two games because of a knee injury and was at home recuperating. Taylor was airlifted to the hospital.

Investigators were still interviewing the girlfriend and other relatives who were in the home to try to determine what happened, Perez said. No arrests have been

made. "It could have been a possible burglary; it could have been a possible robbery," Perez said. "It has not been confirmed as yet."

Sharpstein said Taylor's girlfriend told him the couple was awakened by loud noises, and Taylor grabbed a machete he keeps in the bedroom for protection. Someone then broke through the bedroom door and fired two shots, one missing and one hitting Taylor, the lawyer said.

"It was clearly a burglary, an armed burglary," Sharpstein said, adding nothing appeared to have been stolen.

The shooting happened at a home Taylor bought two years ago in the Miami suburb of Palmetto Bay. The player is in his fourth season with the Redskins after playing at the University of Miami, where he was an All-American in 2003. Despite his injury, he is tied for the NFC lead with five interceptions.

In Ashburn, Va., Redskins owner Dan Snyder said he was

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Behind Achter's early scoring surge and an effective 2-3 zone defense, BG was able to take the lead from the beginning and led by nine with 11:17 to go in the first half.

But in the waning minutes of the half, the Bonnies began to break through the zone and hit their jump shots. At halftime, BG led by a single point, 34-33. While cutting into the lead, the Bonnies shot 50 percent from the field compared to BG's 38.

In the second half, the Bonnies were able to go on a 17-6 run, and with just over 13 minutes left in the game led by nine.

The rally started in the last six minutes of the game and led into

the Achter scoring flurry at the end. This time, it was the Bonnies who were having trouble scoring, as they shot 29 percent in the half. BG shot 42 percent.

According to Miller, the team's ability to weather the storm and get back the lead near the end of the game revealed a lot about their makeup.

"We grew up tonight," Miller said. "We got better tonight. We saw a lot of resilience out of a young group. We got contributions off our bench down the stretch and we were tough when we needed to be."

"I'm really proud," he added. "That is as gutsy of a win as I've been involved in since we've been at BG. We had every reason to fold and we did not fold, and led by Kate Achter, just willed us to the win."

While it wasn't Achter's greatest scoring performance, she said that her game Saturday had the most impact.

"I scored a lot more points in high school," Achter said. "But [tonight] impacted the game much more than any performance I ever had in high school."

"To win at this level and to impact the game that much, it means so much more and it's something I'm going to remember a whole lot more than scoring that many points in high school."

The Falcons shot 40 percent for the game. Lauren Prochaska and Jen Uhl tied for second in scoring with six points each. Sophomore center Tara Breske also turned in a solid effort with five points and six boards, including a crucial offensive rebound that led to one of Achter's lay ups down the stretch.

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falling for BG.

The Falcons shot 2-of-18 from 3-point range and 36 percent from the field.

"We just weren't sharp," said BG coach Louis Orr. "The defense and the offense — we just weren't ourselves."

Miller led the way for BG with 21 points, but the next highest scorer was center Marc Larson with 11.

No one else scored in double digits and BG's offense never got going.

Temple coach Fran Dunphy was happy with his defense, especially the way they adjusted to Miller.

"Obviously, [Nate] Miller hurt us in the first half. He was difficult for us to defend," Dunphy said. "Despite his short stature, he is a tough customer down there, so we tried to help on him a little bit more."

Other than Miller and Larson, BG's starters shooting was less than stellar. Ryne Hamblet, Darryl Clements and Chris Knight shot a combined 4-of-27 in the game.

"We didn't show the patience with our offense," Orr said. "We need to be able to stick with what we do. We expect more from ourselves."

Temple was also effective on offense in the second half. Despite turning the ball over 12 times, the Owls missed just seven of their 22 shot attempts and made all seven free throw tries.

"We did not come out and play today with the defensive inten-



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**ON THE GRIND:** Nate Miller works around a Temple defender in Saturday's game. Miller finished with 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting in the Falcons' 72-55 loss. BG plays tonight at Furman.

sity that we have been playing with all year," Miller said. "They shot 68 percent from the field in the second half and that is one thing we were trying to keep down."

The Falcons had periods of time where they were able to make consecutive stops, including at the end of the first half when they erased a 31-25 deficit in the last two minutes to tie the game.

"We needed to come out with that same intensity, and we did not do that and it showed," Miller said.

Even though this loss snaps a three-game winning streak for the Falcons, Orr is not fearful that it will hurt his team's confidence.

"We have to shake it off and move on because it's early," he said.

BG continues its non-conference schedule at Furman tonight at 7 p.m. The game is the first of three straight road games.

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## TOLEDO

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downs — one on a fake field goal and the drive concluded with an Anthony Turner pass to a wide-open Freddie Barnes.

The quick strike offense that fans had been so accustomed to was nowhere to be found on this drive. The team took 7:35 off the clock in its second drive after taking 6:23 in the first. The clock-killing Falcons allowed Toledo to run just four plays in the first quarter.

The Rockets could never seem to get on track while the Falcons never seemed to get off track.

BG racked up 443 yards of total offense on the day in a very balanced effort for the team. Anthony Turner led the team on the ground with 96 yards and four others pitched for a combined 105 yards.

Tyler Sheehan completed 20-of-34 passes and totaled 225 yards and threw for three touch-

downs.

"We knew we could move the ball on them we just had to execute and it seemed like everything we did today was open and we executed it pretty well," Sheehan said.

Jermiah Kelley caught two of Sheehan's touchdown passes in his first career multi-touchdown game.

"It feels great to go out there and play along side these guys, the seniors, guys who have worked hard the four or five years they have been here," Kelley said of his senior teammates.

Kelley led the team with 80 receiving yards, 52 came on his second touchdown catch where he split two defenders and cut to the middle of the field for a touchdown.

The play was a huge momentum swing for the Falcons as the Rockets had gotten back into the game by making the score 16-10. Kelley's score made it 23-10.

The offense constantly kept the Rocket defenders on their

heels.

"It was a challenge [defending Sheehan]," said UT cornerback Barry Church. "He had a pretty substantial amount of time to throw the ball tonight. In the secondary we did our best to stay on coverage as long as we could. You have to credit their offensive line. They blocked great. Then their receivers just made plays."

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because of his injury. Taylor sprained a ligament in his right knee in the second half of the Nov. 11 loss to Philadelphia. He was expected to miss at least two games.

Known as one of the NFL's hardest hitters, Taylor played in his first Pro Bowl last season, where he drew attention by leveling the other team's punter in what is usually a well-mannered exhibition game. Even though he has missed two games, his five interceptions remained tied for most in the NFC.

Taylor has been in trouble numerous times since he was drafted as the No. 5 overall pick in 2004. He has been fined at least seven times during his professional career for late hits and other infractions, including a \$17,000 penalty for spitting in the face of Tampa Bay running back Michael Pittman during a playoff game in January 2006.

Associated Press writers Howard Fendrich and Joseph White in Ashburn, Va., and Jessica Gresko in Miami contributed to this report.

## DEFENSE

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Parmelee, who averaged 129.9 yards a game all season, was held to just 82 and never reached the end zone. Three other UT rushers were held to -16 yards in total.

"The [defense] stepped up big time," said BG coach Gregg Brandon. "Toledo's offense has just been dynamic, scoring points and rushing the football, total offense. We really shut down the running game. I thought the kids did a great job stuffing the running game."

Toledo's passing game was a bit of a question mark coming into the game. Starting quarterback Aaron Opelt was out with an injury, so freshmen DJ. Lenehan and Clint Cochran split time under center.

Lenehan started the game but didn't last too long, as BG pressure led him to some difficult throws. He exited the game with six completions for 54 yards. In stepped Cochran, who went 15 for 29 with 202 yards and a touchdown.

According to sophomore defensive lineman Michael Ream, the defense, especially the line, knew how to play.

"We knew if we could get in there and get the quarterback moving and not let him sit in the pocket and just pick us apart it would be hard for him to com-

plete passes and get the offense going," Ream said. "We knew stopping the run and getting pressure on the quarterback were the keys to shutting down that offense and that's what we did."

At the end of the day, the defense was playing not just for the win, but for one another. Not lost on their minds was O'Drobinak, one of their recently appointed team captains, a career tight end turned defensive end who has tried all season to lead by example.

"We challenged ourselves and told ourselves that we were going to play for O'Drobinak up here, knowing it was his last time to beat Toledo," Ream said. "We all went out there and played for him."

O'Drobinak wanted to do the same for the underclassmen.

"I played this game for my seniors, and I played it for the freshmen too," O'Drobinak said. "They're 1-0 against Toledo and they've got the opportunity to go 5-0 against them."

"From here out, it's their opportunity and I think the eleven other guys that I'm with, we showed them what to do."

As a unit, BG had five tackles for a loss, a fumble recovery, six pass breakups and three sacks. Safety P.J. Mahone had two interceptions and 10 tackles. Freshman linebacker Glen Stanley led the team with 11 tackles.

## TAYLOR

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headed to Miami on his private plane, joined by running back Clinton Portis, vice president of football operations Vinny Cerrato and trainer Bubba Tyer.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to Sean and his family... We appreciate very, very much the outcry of support," Snyder said.

Redskins safety Pierson Prioleau fought to keep his composure.

"This is not just a member of the Washington Redskins," said Prioleau, one of a few players made available to reporters. "But we're talking about a dad, a brother, a friend of ours, and that's where we're at with this right now."

Coach Joe Gibbs was joined by the team chaplain at the Redskins' usual yesterday meeting. A small group of players held a separate prayer gathering.

The Redskins (5-6) lost 19-13 at Tampa on Sunday. Taylor did not travel with the team to the game

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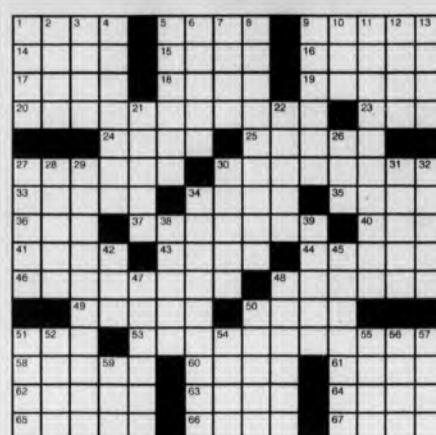
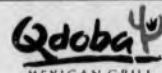
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- 21 Photo finish?
- 22 Centering points
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- 28 Author of "Silas Marner"
- 29 Partner of 11D in comedy
- 30 Deflated tires
- 31 Sierra
- 32 Drooping
- 34 Sang love songs

- 38 Coherent light
- 39 Author Jong
- 42 Worldwide workers' grp.
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- 47 Pressing
- 48 Scale watcher
- 50 Small greenish bird
- 51 Hebrew month
- 52 Gdansk resident
- 54 Guitarist's gadget
- 55 Hilo feast
- 56 Ashtabula's lake
- 57 Head signals
- 59 Comprehend

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- 14 Float on the wind
- 15 Slug or song ending?
- 16 Corpulent
- 17 Farm measure
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- 24 New Jersey team
- 25 Automaton of Jewish legend
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- 30 Union soldiers
- 33 Fragrant resin
- 34 Blackthorn
- 35 Solid surface
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- 37 Purify
- 40 Clothe
- 41 Spelling or Amos

- 43 Song and dance, e.g.
- 44 Regretting
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- 49 Actress Sophia
- 50 Bad habit
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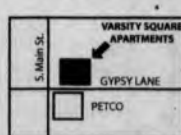
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